

Embassy of the United States of America Madrid, Spain

Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Demonstrations January 17, 2014

DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED FOR JANUARY 17 – JANUARY 24, 2014.

Planned and spontaneous demonstrations take place in Spain, especially in Madrid and Barcelona, in response to economic or other events. If you encounter a large public gathering or demonstration, the U.S. Embassy suggests that you avoid the area. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

The Government Delegation in Madrid has authorized the following demonstrations.

DATE	DURATION	ORGANIZERS	PURPOSE OF PROTEST OR DEMONSTRATION	LOCATION
			OR DEMONSTRATION	
01/17/14	10:30 - 13:00	Sec. Sind. Ayto Madrid	Against social, labor cuts etc.	Pza de Cibeles. (City hall)
01/17/14	11:00 – 12.30	Sec. Sind. Ayto Madrid	Against social, labor cuts etc.	Pza de la Villa, Mayor, Bailén, Pza de la Villa
01/17/14	12:00 – 13:00	Fed. Servicios Públicos UGT	Against public services cuts	Sevilla, Alcalá, Gran Vía, Alcalá
01/18/14	12:00 –14:00	Asoc. Voluntad Popular	Reject the violence in Venezuela	Pza de Colón
01/19/14	11:30 – 15:00	Fed. Regional de Asoc. Vecinales FRAVM	Against the dismantling & Privatization of the Public Health System. (20.000)	Pza Cánovas del Castillo, Pseo Prado, Cibeles, Alcalá, Puerta del Sol
01/20/14	12:00 - 14:00	Fed, Servicios a la Ciudadanía	Against the privatization of public services (Firemen	Puerta del Sol

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			Teams)	
01/21/14	11:30 – 12:30	Colectivo Mayores 15- M	Allowances issues	Puerta del Sol
01/21/14	11:30 – 14.00	Unión Pequeños agricultores y ganaderos. UPA	Against the PAC law. (Política Agraria Común) (4.000)	Pseo Inf.Isabel 1.Opposite to Ministry of Agriculture.
01/22/14	19:30 – 22:30	Asoc. EN RED Madrid	Against high energy costs	Puerta del Sol
01/23/14	12:00 – 15.30	Sind. CCOO, UGT, CGT	Against the RIF in Telemadrid	Pza Jacinto Benavente, Carretas, Puerta del Sol
01/23/14	19:00 – 20.00	Plat. Contra la impunidad del Franquismo	Against Franco's impunity	Puerta del Sol
01/24/14	10:30 – 12:30	Sec. Sind Ayto Madrid	Against social, labor cuts etc.	Alcala 45, Barquillo, Cibeles.
01/24/14	11:00 – 12:30	Sec. Sind Ayto Madrid	Against social, labor cuts etc.	Pza de la Villa, Mayor, Pza de la Villa.
01/24/14	12:00 – 13:00	Fed. Servicios Públicos UGT	Against cuts in public services	Sevilla, Alcalá, Gran Vía.
01/24/14	13:00 – 14:00	Asoc. Libre de Abogados	In Memoriam. "Day of the threaten Lawyer"	General Martinez Campos 48. (Colombian Embassy)

The U.S. Embassy encourages U.S. citizens to review "A Safe Trip Abroad," which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. All U.S. citizens in Spain are urged to enroll online at the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). Enrolling gives U.S. Citizens access to updated information on travel and security within Spain and makes it easier for the Embassy to contact citizens in case of emergency. You can also download our free Smart Traveler iPhone App to have travel information at your fingertips.

Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States or a regular toll line at-1-202-501-4444 for callers from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). You can also stay up to date by bookmarking our Bureau of Consular Affairs website, which contains the current Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts as well as the Worldwide Caution as well as Country Specific Information for Spain. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well.

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